

Ravished Armenia



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*How Little
Aurora Mardiganian,
Who Escaped from
the Cruel Turks,
is Helping
to Raise
\$30,000,000 to
Save what is
Left of These
Persecuted Christians*

PRESIDENT WILSON, by public proclamation, has designated this week for a nation-wide appeal for funds for the work of the American Committee for Relief in the Near East, formerly the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief. It is a tremendous task—to rescue and rebuild the shattered remnants of these persecuted Christians who have at last been wrenched from the bloodthirsty Turks.

It was into the arms of the local representative of this Committee that little Aurora fell as she staggered into the city of Erzerum from the deserts of Asia Minor. In gratitude for her rescue Aurora has enlisted her services with the Committee to help raise the \$300,000,000 which President Wilson names as urgently needed.

The little waif has undertaken to re-enact in a carefully, faithfully reproduced motion picture her heartrending sufferings and experiences during the two and a half years she was held captive by the barbarous Turks and Kurds.

This remarkable film, taken under the direction of the American Committee for Relief in the Near East, will be exhibited all over the United States by the Committee, and every dollar taken in at the motion picture theatres will be sent to Armenia. Among the members of the Committee who have this in charge are ex-President Taft, Judge Charles E. Hughes, Cleveland H. Dodge, Bishop Greer and ex-Ambassador Morgenthau.

